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Applicant : Merkley et al.
 App. No. : 09/970,389
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 For : METHOD AND APPARATUS
 FOR REDUCING
 IMPURITIES IN CELLULOSE
 FIBERS FOR
 MANUFACTURE OF FIBER
 REINFORCED CEMENT
 COMPOSITE MATERIALS
 Examiner : Marc S. Alvo
 Art Unit : 1731

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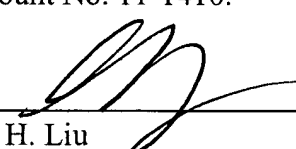
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 23, 2003, Applicant hereby elects Invention IV (i.e., Claims 25-48). By this paper, Applicant hereby cancels Claims 1-19, 20-23, 24, and 49-67, without prejudice. Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits and requests the prompt examination of the same. Should there be any impediment to the prompt examination of this application that could be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number shown below.

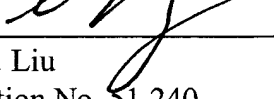
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Respectfully submitted,

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